

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**  
**STANDARD REQUEST FOR BID CLAUSES & FORMS**

**NOTE:** In addition to such other requirements as may be referenced or incorporated herein, the following clauses shall apply to the Request for Bid (RFB)/Request for Proposal (RFP):

**OGS SPECIFICATIONS:**

All provisions of the **NYS Office of General Services – Appendix B dated April 2016** (copy available upon request) will apply to this bid invitation, except that, **“Chief Administrative Judge, or designee”** shall replace, **“Commissioner of OGS”** wherever it appears. Should there be any conflict between the OGS Specifications and: (i) the Unified Court System (hereinafter UCS) RFB/RFP Specifications; (ii) the awarded UCS (Contract) or (iii) the UCS procurement policies and procedures, the UCS RFB/RFP Specifications, the Contract, or the UCS procurement policies/procedures shall take precedence over the OGS Specifications.

UCS reserves the right to waive minor discrepancies and to reject any and all bids if considered in the best interest of the UCS to do so.

**AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT:**

Bids submitted in response to this solicitation shall constitute agreement to contract by the respective bidder(s).

**PREFERRED SOURCE NOTIFICATION:**

Organizations identified as Preferred Sources pursuant to **NYS Finance Law Sections 162.1 and 162.2a, 2b, and 2c, 2d, 2e** submitting bids which are in compliance with this RFB/RFP and Specifications may, at the discretion of the court/agency, be awarded the bid where the bid price is not in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of the lowest responsible bidder.

**BID PROTEST PROCEDURE**

An interested party may file a bid protest in accordance with the **UCS Bid Protest Procedure** available at <http://www.nycourts.gov> (Select Court Administration > OCA Offices > Procurement Opportunities). Please note that a bid protest concerning the solicitation itself must be filed in accordance with the following timeframes: 1) prior to the end of the solicitation’s question and answer period, if applicable; 2) if there is no formal question and answer period, at least ten (10) business days before the bid due date; or 3) if the due date is less than ten (10) business days from the solicitation issue date, at least twenty four (24) hours before the time designated for receipt of bids. Bid protests concerning a tentatively awarded procurement determination must be filed in accordance with the timeframes in Section B(2) of the UCS Bid Protest Procedure.

**ORDERS:**

Bidders are advised that any awarded contract shall not constitute an order to ship and further, places no obligation upon the UCS to place any orders with the contractor. However, the contractor shall accept all orders placed by the courts and related agencies during the term of the contract for all items for which an award is made. Such orders shall be considered binding upon the contractor when placed in the mail to the address indicated in the award pursuant to the terms thereof.

**APPENDIX A:**

**NYS/UCS Standard Clauses for all Contracts (July 2023)** is attached and incorporated herein.

**NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE:**

Attached **Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate** must be executed, signed and returned with other required bid documents.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Attached, appropriate acknowledgment form must be executed, properly notarized and included with all bid documents.

**PAYMENT OF INTEREST:**

The payments of interest on certain amounts due and owed may be made in accordance with the criteria established by **Chapter 153 of the Laws of 1984 (Article 11A of the New York State Finance Law) and the Comptroller's Bulletin no. A-91.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The UCS may request any and all information of the bidder(s) deemed necessary for proper analysis and award determination including, but not limited to, documentation as to financial stability of bidder.

**RECYCLED PRODUCTS:**

Pursuant to **Sec. 40-a of the Judiciary Law (L. 1994, c.468)**, it is the policy of the UCS that products purchased by the courts and related agencies shall be recycled products, which meet contract specifications, unless the product is only available without recycled content, and provided that the cost of the recycled product does not exceed a cost premium of ten percent (10%) above the cost of a comparable product that is not a recycled product or, if at least fifty percent (50%) of the secondary materials used in the manufacture of that product are generated from the waste stream of NYS, the cost of the recycled product does not exceed a cost premium of fifteen percent (15%) above the cost of a comparable product that is not a recycled product. Bidders offering recycled product(s) are wholly responsible for compliance and certification requirements set forth by the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Economic Development. If bidding a recycled product, bidders must attach completed **Bidder's Certification of Recycled Products** and **Manufacturers Affidavit of Recycled Content** forms.

**NOTE:** If this RFB/RFP is for printing, the following clauses shall also apply:

**UCS PRINTING POLICY:**

No contract will be awarded to any bidder who, in the opinion of the Unified Court System (UCS), does not have satisfactory facilities and equipment sufficient to produce the major portion of the work as defined in the specification and resulting contract and insure the proper performance and delivery thereof.

In this regard, the UCS may request all documentation it deems necessary to make proper determination and the bidder agrees to make such facilities and equipment available for inspection. Failure to provide requested documentation will cause the bidder to be rejected.

Accordingly, bidders must execute the attached **Bidder's Certification of Work** form.

**RECYCLED PAPER:**

Any printing required by the judicial operations which is produced on recycled paper shall contain the official state recycling emblem established pursuant to **Subdivision Two, Section 27-0717 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law** and all regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

**OVER-RUNS:**

A 05% over-run will be allowed per individual item order of up to 50,000 quantity and 03% per individual item order in excess of 50,000 quantity. However, such allowance shall not be construed as an approved, automatic add-on, but is intended only to cover unavoidable excesses in the production cycle.

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**NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATE**

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidders, certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices of this bid have been arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

**NOTE:** Chapter 675 of the Laws of New York for 1966 provides that every bid made to the state or any public department, agency or official thereof, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation; for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the foregoing statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalties of perjury.

A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (1), (2) and (3) above have not been complied with; provided however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefore.

Where (1), (2) and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the state, public department or agency to which the bid is made, or his/her designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, has informed prospective customers or proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of the paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above.

Any bid hereafter made to the state or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule or regulation, and where such bid contains the certification set forth above shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to noncollusion as the act and deed of the corporation.

Name of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's Federal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip Code

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed or Typed Copy of Signature)

Official Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INDIVIDUAL**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally came \_\_\_\_\_,  
to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he/she acknowledged to  
me that he/she executed same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORPORATION**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally came \_\_\_\_\_,  
to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides in \_\_\_\_\_;  
that he/she is the \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_, the corporation described in and  
which executed the foregoing instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such  
corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he/she signed his/her name thereto  
by like order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATE OF WORK**  
**(PRINTING)**

RFB # \_\_\_\_\_

BID OPENING: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECYCLED PAPER:**

Pursuant to **Sec. 40-a. of the Judiciary Law (L. 1994, c.468)**, any printing required by judicial operations which is produced on recycled paper shall contain the official state recycling emblem established pursuant to **Subdivision Two, Section 27-0717 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law** and all regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

BIDDER HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT ALL WORK DEFINED BY THE ABOVE SPECIFICATION WILL BE PERFORMED ON BIDDER'S FACILITIES EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW (BIDDER MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ALL WORK WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED BY AN OUTSIDE CONCERN – I.E.: SUBCONTRACTOR):

**NOTE: ALL SUBCONTRACTING IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM AND THE BIDDER REMAINS FULLY RESPONSIBLE AND LIABLE FOR ALL WORK PERFORMED BY SUCH SUBCONTRACTORS.**

<b>WORK</b>	<b>SUBCONTRACTOR: NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE</b>
A _____ _____	_____
B _____ _____	_____
C _____ _____	_____

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED AND FORM RETURNED IN ALL INSTANCES:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME IN PRINT

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION OF RECYCLED PRODUCTS**

RFB # \_\_\_\_\_

BID OPENING: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to **Sec. 40-a of the Judiciary Law (L. 1994, c.468)**, it is the policy of the UCS that products purchased by the courts shall be recycled products, which meet contract specifications, unless the product is only available without recycled content, and provided that the cost of the recycled product does not exceed a cost premium of ten percent (10%) above the cost of a comparable product that is not a recycled product or, if at least fifty percent (50%) of the secondary materials used in the manufacture of that product are generated from the waste stream of NYS, the cost of the recycled product does not exceed a cost premium of fifteen percent (15%) above the cost of a comparable product that is not a recycled product.

Bidders offering recycled product(s) are wholly responsible for compliance and certification requirements (**including Manufacturer's Affidavit of Recycled Content**) set forth by the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Economic Development.

Failure to complete this certification and attach required manufacturer's affidavit will result in a waiver of bidder's recycled preference.

This certification/affidavit shall remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the certifying manufacturer or made null and void by superseding NYS statute(s).

Bidder hereby certifies that the product(s) offered are in compliance with all applicable New York State recycled/recycling statutes and respectfully requests preferential consideration as cited above. In support of this request, attached is the executed **Manufacturer's Affidavit of Recycled Content**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF COMPANY

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME IN PRINT

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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**MANUFACTURER'S AFFIDAVIT OF RECYCLED CONTENT**  
**(TO BE COMPLETED BY MANUFACTURER)**

**RFB #** \_\_\_\_\_ **BID OPENING:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, depose and say that for the item(s) listed below, the recycled content which conforms to the New York State requirements are as specified.

PRODUCT	BRAND NAME	TOTAL RECYCLED CONTENT	POST CONSUMER CONTENT
1		%	%
2		%	%
3		%	%
4		%	%

SECONDARY MATERIAL NYS WASTE STREAM	CHECK IF DED/DEC APPROVED
1 %	
2 %	
3 %	
4 %	

The above product(s) item(s) will be/are manufactured to contain not less than the percentages of recycled content as stated above, in accordance with New York State requirements (indicate in the respective column the percentage of secondary materials generated from the waste stream in NYS that will be utilized in the manufacture of the above products supplied to UCS/NYS).

It is agreed that representatives of the NYS UCS or their designee, shall have access to purchase/production records at any time during working hours for the purpose of verifying the actual percentage and use of recycled materials in the above product(s) furnished to UCS/NYS.

NAME OF MANUFACTURER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF (BIDDER): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE-MFG'S REP: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME IN PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC: \_\_\_\_\_

**New York State Unified Court System**  
**Appendix A**  
**Standard Clauses for all Contracts**

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment, or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, “the contract” or “this contract”) agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word “Contractor” herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee, or any other party):

1. **EXECUTORY CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.
2. **NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title, or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet, or otherwise disposed of without the State’s previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller’s approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor’s business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State’s prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.
3. **COMPTROLLER’S APPROVAL.** In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$50,000, or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$25,000, it shall not be valid, effective, or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in the Comptroller’s office. Comptroller’s approval of contracts established as centralized contracts through the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$125,000, or when a purchase order or other procurement transaction issued under such centralized contract exceeds \$200,000.
4. **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BENEFITS.** In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers’ Compensation Law.
5. **NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, nor subject any individual to harassment, because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, or domestic violence victim status or because the individual has opposed any practices forbidden under the Human Rights Law or has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under the Human Rights Law. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration, or repair of any public building or public work, or for the manufacture, sale, or distribution of materials, equipment, or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract, as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239, as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.
6. **WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS.** If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor’s employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to

7. **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION.** In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.
8. **INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION.** In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership, or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment, or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination, or disposition of appeal (2 NYCRR §105.4).
9. **SET-OFF RIGHTS.** The State shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason, including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies, or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices, including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.
10. **RECORDS.** The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, the "Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General, and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing, and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

## **11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.**

### **(a) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S).**

Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number; (ii) the payee's Federal social security number; and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

### **(b) PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.**

(1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses, and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to

generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law.

(2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. **CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.
13. **GOVERNING LAW.** This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.
14. **LATE PAYMENT.** Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.
15. **NO ARBITRATION.** Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized) but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.
16. **SERVICE OF PROCESS.** In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules (“CPLR”), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor’s actual receipt of process or upon the State’s receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.
17. **PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS.** The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law (Use of Tropical Hardwoods), which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the Contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.  
  
In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in Section 165 of the State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.
18. **PROCUREMENT LOBBYING.** To the extent this contract is a “procurement contract” as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this contract the Contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true, and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the contract by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the contract.
19. **COMPLIANCE WITH BREACH NOTIFICATION AND DATA SECURITY LAWS.** Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law § 899-aa) and commencing March 21, 2020, shall also comply with General Business Law § 899-bb.
20. **ADMISSIBILITY OF REPRODUCTION OF CONTRACT.** Notwithstanding the best evidence rule or any other legal principle or rule of evidence to the contrary, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it waives any and all objections to the admissibility into evidence at any court proceeding or to the use at any examination before trial of an electronic reproduction of this contract, in the form approved by the State Comptroller, if such approval was required, regardless of whether the original of said contract is in existence.